

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

MARLIN H. MICKLE et al.

RFID RADIO FREQUENCY

IDENTIFICATION OR PROPERTY

MONITORING METHOD AND

ASSOCIATED APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on Page 2.

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